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Uncertain Indeed

IN his book, "The Uncertain Trumpet," General Maxwell Taylor recalls that the Soviet Union saved money on bombers and spent it on missiles.

The circumstance he recalls is a reminder that the administration and Central Intelligence sometimes know what they're doing.

The Russians saved money by de-emphasizing the formerly deeply feared Bison bomber. But when Bison fears were foremost in this country congress tried to foist on the Eisenhower administration nearly a billion dollars more than the budget requested for bombers.

The billion dollars that wasn't spent for manned bombers on that occasion was later available for stepped-up missile research and development.

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